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In re Application of: Chen, et al.

Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE DOSAGE FORMS OF ANESTHETICS FOR PAIN
MANAGEMENT

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to
respond to the Final Office Action dated 01/21/2009, such extension allowing the
undersigned until 07/21/2009 to respond.

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